

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 23, 2014

The Honorable Terry E. Branstad  
Governor, State of Iowa State  
Capitol Building  
1007 East Grand Avenue, Room 109  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0001

Dear Governor Branstad and the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation,

We are honored to celebrate Ambassador Kenneth Quinn tonight as he accepts the prestigious Iowa Award. His distinguished career and unwavering devotion to promoting peace and ending world hunger make him the ideal choice to join the ranks of fellow Iowa Award recipients including President Hoover, Carrie Lane Chapman Catt, and Dr. Norman Borlaug.

For more than a decade, Ambassador Quinn has worked tirelessly to raise the global profile of the World Food Prize Foundation. His outstanding leadership has grown the profile of the World Food Prize Laureate Award Ceremony, the Borlaug Dialogue International Symposium, and the Global Youth Institute while also promoting Iowa's agricultural industry.


Ambassador Quinn's commitment to service goes well beyond his time at the World Food Prize. Whether it was his groundbreaking report on the genocidal policies of the Khmer Rouge or serving as the director of Iowa SHARES sending medical professionals, supplies, and food to Cambodian refugees, Ambassador Quinn has always valiantly stood up for what is right.

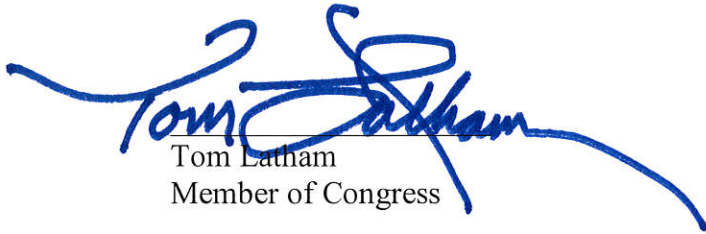
Ambassador Quinn's 30 years as an American diplomat were conducted with the highest integrity and devotion, earning numerous awards including the White House Meritorious Honor Award and the Secretary of State's Award for Heroism and Valor. Ambassador Quinn was also honored as the only civilian to receive the U.S. Army Air Medal. As one of the most decorated Foreign Service officers of his generation, it is only fitting that tonight Ambassador Quinn receives the highest honor for any Iowan.

Our warmest congratulations to Ambassador Quinn on an extraordinary career and this well-deserved honor. We join the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation in recognizing him for demonstrating what it means to be an exceptional Iowan.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Grassley  
U.S. Senator

  
Tom Harkin  
U.S. Senator



Tom Latham  
Member of Congress



Dave Loebsack  
Member of Congress



Bruce Braley  
Member of Congress



Steve King  
Member of Congress